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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

RECIPIENTS OF GIFFIN SCHOLARSHIP

CHARLESTON -- Four students recently received an Elsie and Erson Giffin Scholarship at Eastern Illinois University.

The scholarship is awarded annually to junior and senior home economics women students who have shown service to the community and leadership in pre-professional activities, as well as academic excellence.

During the depression days, Dorothy Giffin of Casey, was not financially able to pursue a college education. It was her wish to be able to assist women students in achieving their goals.

Before her death in 1977, she, along with her brother, Jim Giffin, established a scholarship named in honor of their parents, Elsie and Erson Giffin.

Eastern, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1994-95, is a comprehensive university with more than 10,500 students and 46 undergraduate and 27 graduate degree programs. It is a teaching institution which prides itself on the quality and affordability of its undergraduate program.

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The following is a list of the students and their hometowns:

CLIFTON--Jennifer Schafer, daughter of Tom and Lola Schafer of Clifton; 1993 graduate of Clifton Central High School; junior home economics major at Eastern.

DECATUR--Cheryl Brown, daughter of Mildred L. Kirkman of Shobonier; 1966 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School; senior dietetics major at Eastern; resides in Moweaqua with her husband Michael, and their five children: Jeffery, Keith, Christopher, Christy and Andrew. Brown also received an Outstanding Senior Award given by the School of Home Economics to a student in each of the areas of concentration in the school. These awards are based on scholarship, leadership, service and responsibility.

LOAMI--Amy Eades, daughter of Marion and Sandy Eades of Loami; 1992 graduate of New Berlin High School; junior dietetics major at Eastern.

SPRINGFIELD--Devra McPeak, daughter of David A. McPeak of Springfield; 1990 graduate of Lanphier High School in Springfield; senior dietetics major at Eastern.